SPEAKER: Will the legislatuare please come to order.

CHAPLAIN: Prayer read.

SPEAKER: Roll call. Have you all indicated your presence? The Clerk will record.

CLERK: Quorum present Mr. President.

SPEAKER: Thank you. Are there corrections for the journal?

CLERK: Yes (read). That's all Mr. President.

SPEAKER: Are there any corrections from the floor, if not the journal will stand as corrected.

CLERK: Mr. President Senator Marvel wishes to be excused today.

SPEAKER: Are there objections to Senator Marvel's absence?

CLERK: Likewise Senator Waldron.

SPEAKER: Senator Waldron's absence, anybody object? Hearing none, so ordered. Any other absences?

CLERK: None Mr. President.

SPEAKER: Thank you. Well we are just getting around to you Senator Skarda. Senator Skarda is asking that Senator Mahoney be excused? Are there objections? Hearing none, so ordered. Thank you. Do we have any notices of Committee Hearings or REports?

CLERK: We have a communications from the Executive Office.

SPEAKER: Read the communications.

CLERK: Read. Notice of Committee Hearings.

SPEAKER: Read the notices.

CLERK: Read.

SPEAKER: While legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I am signing LB 163, LB 276, LB 337. are almost ready for final reading, also while we are in business, while we are in session capable of transacting business, I'm signing LR 16 and 17. We are moving toward final reading if we can begin to get the Senators in their seats and clear the floor. Senator Savage did you wish to be recognized? While we are moving in that direction, the Chair is pleased to announce that this morning that we have twenty high school students from Beatrice Senior High, Beatrice, Nebraska, they are seated in the north balcony, their instructor is Allen Hergenrader, and Just by chance they come from Senator Fred Carstens district. We are delighted to have you today as visitors to the Nebraska Unicameral Legislature and also to this Capitol Building, which the Chair understands still ranks as one of the ten architectural achievements of the world. Incidently the ceiling in here is of Nebraska walnut, but throughout the building we have used North American walnut for decoration and for the desks, but this chamber is unique because this is the only place in the building that we have used Nebraska walnut. First bill on final reading this morning will be LB 65. I realize that the Chair could be considered stuffy about this particular problem but the rules do require that the Senators be in their seats in order for us to take up final reading. Once again we would